Spying case in defence establishments

2345. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that series of spying cases took place in defence establishments last year, exposing the vulnerability of the armed forces to security leaks;

(b) if so, the case-wise details thereof during the year 2006;

(c) whether Defence Research and Development Organization has come out with detailed recommendations on deceit detection and interrogation with regards to spies and insurgents; and

(d) who are the suspects behind these espionage activities and how many of them have been arrested till-date?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Six espionage cases have been reported during the year 2006. It is not in the interest of National Security to disclose further details on these matters.

(c) A manual titled as "Deceit detection and interrogation" has been developed by DRDO to help the security forces in such endeavours.

(d) It is not in the interest of National Security to disclose details on these matters.

Agreement with Russia for procurement of defence hardware

2346. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have entered into agreements with the Government or Corporations of Russia for procurement of defence hardware, particularly fighter warplanes and renovate/retrofitted aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov;

(b) if so, salient details of the agreements pertaining to the terms of delivery and payments;

(c) whether the concerned authorities of Russian Government are insisting for revision of the terms of delivery schedule and payment terms;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of Government's response thereto duly indicating rationale behind the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (e) Government have entered into several agreements with the Government of Russian Federation and its corporations such as Rosoboronexport for procurement of various types of defence hardware and equipment. These agreements include procurement of aircraft carrier (ex-Admiral Gorshkov), MiG-29K aircraft and Sukhoi 30 MKI aircraft. Terms of delivery and payments are specified in the relevant contracts.